IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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FOR: ETHYLENE POLYMER, PREPARATION PROCESS THEREOF AND MOLDED

ARTICLES OF THE SAME

Date: February 5, 2002

The Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 6 in its entirety and without prejudice.

Please enter the following new claims:

(New) A molded articles selected from the group consisting of (a) injection molded articles, (b) hollow or extrusion molded articles, (c) rotational molded articles, (d) film or sheet molded articles and (e) extrusion coated molded articles, which article comprises, as an essential component, the ethylene polymen as claimed in claim 1.

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